

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A composition comprising (i) an effective amount of a bioenhancer or bioavailability facilitator selected from ~~Liquorice~~, Glycyrrhizic acid, Glycyrrhizin or mixtures thereof in a concentration of about 1 µg/ml and (ii) a therapeutically effective amount of one or more nutraceuticals, antibiotics, anti-infective agents and anti-cancer agents, wherein said effective amount of said bioenhancer or bioavailability facilitator is insufficient for said bioenhancer or bioavailability facilitator by itself or said compound by itself to be a therapeutically effective nutraceutical, antibiotic, anti-infective agent or anti-cancer agent, and wherein said extract or said compound is effective as a bio-enhancer and bioavailability facilitator.

2 – 4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the anti-infective agents are selected from anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and anti-tuberculosis agents.

6. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the concentration of glycyrrhizin ranges from 0.05 to 50% of the weight of the anti-bacterial compounds.

7 – 8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 5 wherein the anti-bacterial agents are selected from the group comprising  $\beta$ -lactams, macrolides, quinolones, fluoro-quinolones, aminoglycides, glycopeptides, rifamycins, folate inhibitors, tetracyclines, anti-tuberculosis agents and microbicidal compounds.

10. (Previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 9 wherein the quinolones and fluoro-quinolones are selected from the group consisting of nalidixic acid, norfloxacin, ciprofloxacin and sparfloxacin.

Application No. 09/655,710

Atty. Dkt. No. 056859-0107

11 – 48. (Canceled)